

# **STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**

## **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**At Charleston**

### **A PROCLAMATION**

**By the Governor**

**WHEREAS**, it is our sacred duty to honor those who have borne conflict's greatest cost, to uphold the founding principles they died defending, and to preserve their legacy which lives on in all of us; and

**WHEREAS**, Memorial Day is recognized each year on the last Monday in May as a day of solemn remembrance on which we pay tribute to the noble sacrifices of all Americans who died in service to this nation, that their courage and valor shall never be forgotten, but rather shall continue to inspire and teach future generations the lessons of service and sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress, by a joint resolution approved on May 11, 1950, as amended (36 U.S.C. § 116), requested that the President issue a Proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe each Memorial Day as a day of prayer for permanent peace and designating a period on that day for the people of the United States to unite in prayer, and by Public Law No. 106-579, the Congress has designated the minute beginning at 3:00 p.m. local time on that day as a time for all Americans to observe the National Moment of Remembrance; and

**WHEREAS**, the memory of all men and women who paid the ultimate price defending the United States is cherished and they are solemnly remembered on Memorial Day for the sacrifices they endured to establish and maintain this great nation and its freedoms and liberties, and that our remembrance may provide solace to their loved ones; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the Great State of West Virginia, in remembrance of the fallen who fought to preserve and protect the blessings of liberty for this great nation, shall join all Americans to honor those who gave their last full measure of devotion on behalf of this country and to support those men and women who serve us now with unwavering devotion in the armed forces at home and in distant lands.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, EARL RAY TOMBLIN**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of West Virginia, do hereby **ORDER** that all State flags on all State-owned facilities throughout the State, along with the United States flag, be displayed at half-staff from dawn until noon on the twenty-sixth day of May, Two Thousand Fourteen; and

**DO HEREBY REQUEST** that, on this Memorial Day, the citizens of this State display the United States and State of West Virginia flags at half-staff from their homes from dawn until noon, unite in prayer for permanent peace beginning at 11:00 a.m., and observe the National Moment of Remembrance beginning at 3:00 p.m.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**DONE** at the Capitol in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, on this the twentieth day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fourteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-First year of the State.

*Earl Ray Tomblin*

**GOVERNOR**



**By the Governor**

*Natlie E. Bennett*

**SECRETARY OF STATE**